

## FRENCH INDO-CHINA

tad gifts to his station. To retail the  
mandarin's powers  
ig not to the respect he inspired, based on a  
religious authority  
from Western functionaries. Oriental respect is  
by morality, fortified by tradition, and maintained by  
the  
of rites. The mandarin is no administrative cipher who  
may be  
by a secretary or an interpreter, but an awe-inspiring  
repre-  
of the Emperor, the indispensable intermediary  
between the  
and the people. The mandarinat represented the  
of an ambitious Annamite youth.  
aristocracy is a small ever-changing group of infinitely  
less the mandarinat. Titles are  
conferred by the  
members of the royal family, meritorious mandarins,  
deserving citizens. They do not involve office-holding  
DOT siw but honorary privileges. Five titles existed  
which might be  
bet each generation the degree of nobility  
diminished  
in a way that by the sixth generation the  
family was once more  
into die people, Gk-long created four Chancellors  
who  
the Klkrs of the Empire. They, with a host of minor  
in charge of the royal household, executed the  
Emperor's  
his lifetime and after his death. Two councils of state  
the Coiaat a secret group which dealt with all  
important  
of the Ministerial Council discussed  
agrarian  
the framing of imperial edicts.  
There were  
me IB of the departments of Justice,  
Interior, Rites,  
War, PabMc Works. A corps of inspectors  
comprised a  
over the whole administrative machinery.  
were by the Minister and department of  
m If to a angle proprietor, and one who  
was  
nor scrapmbim. The Annaxoites servilely copied  
tfaft system where the  
theoretically  
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A for was supplemented by no more  
the government's good pleasure.

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